

JOHNSON

Mrs. Cora Howard is ill.
Miss Louise Leland was in town Sunday.
Grover Fletcher has been ill with bilious grippe.

Mrs. S. C. Hill visited in Hardwick recently.

Arthur Thompson was in Burlington last week.

Miss Mildred Lambert sprained her wrist recently.

Rev. E. G. French was home for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones were in Burlington Tuesday.

Henry Bangs is slowly recovering from his recent accident.

M. F. Gray has finished work in Morrisville and is at home.

Miss Dorothy Collins spent Sunday at her home in Hyde Park.

Mrs. W. O. Davis of Wolcott visited friends in town the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Davis of Waterbury visited Mrs. J. C. Davis, Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Holbrook of North Hyde Park is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shufelt.

Miss Doris Elwood, Paul Stearns and Tracy Smalley were at home from Montpelier Seminary for the week-end.

Lyman Peck, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Hayford, has returned to his home in West Glover.

Mrs. Allen Fletcher and daughter, Alene, from Montpelier, are spending a week at the home of L. W. Fletcher.

Peter Lambert slipped and fell on the ice near his home Saturday and was badly hurt. It is thought that some of his ribs are broken.

The Misses Rena Parker and Marion Barrows, and Paul Woodward and Wilbur Barrows were at home from the U. V. M. for the week-end.

Mrs. Emogene Adams, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Ora Richards, was taken ill with grippe Friday, and went to her home in Eden.

Ladies of the O. E. S. will please remember the box party Thursday evening. It is hoped that all will be present and make this a successful affair.

Mrs. L. W. Fletcher, after spending two weeks in Burlington with her daughters, Mrs. J. J. Potter and Mrs. Harold Sweet, returned home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Susan Freeman left Thursday morning for Arlington Heights, Mass., to visit her son, Nathan. Miss Mildred Sargent, who has employment there, accompanied her.

Mrs. Georgia Stearns and daughter, Joyce, returned home from Montpelier the last of the week. Mrs. H. L. Soule of Burlington came with them to remain a few days.

Miss Ida Barton nearly dislocated her shoulder by a fall on the ice last Wednesday. She is getting along as well as can be expected, but is suffering a great deal of pain in her arm.

Be sure to hear Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wells at Johnson Opera House Friday evening, Feb. 11th. Their work is high class, from both a musical and dramatic standpoint.—adv't.

The Boy Scouts are selling tickets this week for the Wells Entertainment Friday evening, Feb. 21. You will enjoy this number of our Entertainment Course, for Mr. and Mrs. Wells are excellent entertainers.—adv't.

A Colonial Tea will be held Monday afternoon, Feb. 14th, at 3 p. m., at the Library. Members of the O. L. Club are requested to wear old fashioned clothing as far as possible. An interesting afternoon is expected. Come and bring a guest.

Mrs. Oliver T. Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., field worker for the National League of Women Voters, will speak Thursday evening, Feb. 10, at the Library. This meeting is open to everyone and all are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear an instructive and interesting address.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wells, who appear in Johnson Friday evening, Feb. 11, give a program embracing baritone and soprano solos, vocal duets, story telling and readings, dramatic sketches, humorous and musical sketches. All who hear them will enjoy a pleasant evening. Don't forget the date.—adv't.

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Jason S. Hunt Post, No. 46, will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Nye on March 1st at 8 p. m. Adjutant Allen Fletcher of Montpelier is expected to be present. All mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of members of the American Legion are cordially invited to attend and sign to become members.

Allen Fletcher, Adjutant of the American Legion, left Saturday evening for Washington, D. C., to be present at a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion which was to be held there February 7th, 8th and 9th. Mr. Fletcher accompanied H. Nelson Jackson of Burlington, the National Executive Committee man from Vermont.

Quaint Form of Oath.

Reginald Farrant, who has been appointed stipendiary of Douglas and Castletown, Isle of Man, was recently sworn in the quaint form which has prevailed in the island for centuries. He swore to do justice between party and party "as indifferently as the hering's backbone doth lie in the midst of the fish."

Neill-Morse

Linnie Luretta, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morse, was married Thursday afternoon to Roy Joseph Neill of Waitsfield, Rev. G. R. Akers performing the ceremony, using a double ring service. They were attended by Miss Susan Morse and a brother of the groom.

The bride wore a navy blue traveling gown with hat to match. The couple left on the evening train for a short trip, after which they will reside in Johnson. Friends here wish them much happiness.

Young People's League

The program Friday evening was devoted to Lincoln, and was exceptionally interesting. Mr. Thomas gave an opening talk, a very fine appreciation of Lincoln's character. Miss Corey read Mary Andrew's "The Perfect Tribute," in a pleasing way and we all felt as if we had been able to catch a bit of the spirit of Lincoln's greatness. During the social hour a trio, consisting of Rev. G. R. Akers, Rev. A. B. Ross and Chellis Collins sang "A Little Farm Well Tilled." It met with generous applause.

On account of the Lecture Course, there will be no meeting this week.

Johnson Grange Notes

The officers of Johnson Grange are as follows:—

Master, W. F. Sinclair; O. H. O. Stiles; Sect., Mrs. F. H. Hopkins; Steward, F. H. Hopkins; A. S. Ray Barrows; Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Whiting; Chaplain, Mrs. N. J. Perry; Treasurer, N. J. Perry; G. K. George Barrows; Ceres, Lula Butler; Pomona, Mrs. H. O. Stiles; Flora, Mrs. Gertie Lambert; S. A. S., Nina Davis; Finance committee, F. S. French; Margaret Waterman, H. O. Stiles; Executive committee, Jessie Hopkins, Mattie Perry, F. H. Hopkins; Reception committee, Ray Barrows, Margaret Waterman, Jessie Hopkins; Table committee, 1st quarter, Earl Butler, Alma Davis, Mary Hooper; 2nd quarter, S. J. Davis, Mrs. P. S. French; 3rd quarter, P. S. French, Mrs. S. J. Davis, Lula Butler; 4th quarter, Warren Annis, Reba Hoisington, Gertie Lambert.

Thursday evening, Feb. 17, will be Past Master's Night, with P. S. French as lecturer. The program follows:

Song by Grange; Roll Call, responded to by each man naming his farm's greatest need, and each woman naming her home's greatest need; recitation, W. F. Sinclair; question, "How can we help the producer and consumer to better understand each other?" O. H. Wilson, C. F. Hayford, Ray Barrows; recitation, brother from North Hyde Park; music, North Hyde Park Grange; recitation, Mrs. N. J. Perry; Short talks by visiting Past Masters; music; question, "Is the principal of cost of production, plus a reasonable profit, just, when applied to farming?" George Burlison, H. O. Stiles, Earl Butler; Song by Grange.

Johnson Methodist Church Notes

The Men's class of the Sunday school held a most successful supper and discussion last week and as a result the class was reorganized. The committee are: H. Stiles, sec. and treas., D. B. Smalley, F. Ward, R. Barrows, C. McCuen.

The class meets in a room over Mrs. Riddle's store at 12 noon on Sunday, all men are cordially invited.

Prayer meeting at Miss Barton's home on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid will meet on Thursday from 2 to 4 p. m. at the parsonage, all ladies of the church are invited.

The Young Peoples League will not meet this week on account of the 3rd number of the Entertainment Course on Friday.

Special attention is being given between now and Easter to the subject of Evangelism and the prayers of all believers are desired to this end.

Sunday services as follows: morning worship at 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 noon; Junior Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.; Senior Endeavor at 6:45 p. m.; preaching service (sing-led by Men choir) at 7:30 p. m.

Johnson Junior Senior High School.

The Senior have started rehearsals for their class play. The play chosen is "A Little Clodhopper," and will be given sometime in March.

A very pleasant social was given by the training class Wednesday evening. A large number were present and an interesting program rendered.

An error was made in reporting the spelling contest between the Juniors and Seniors. Irene Burlison was the winner of the contest last week.

The spelling contest last Friday was between the Freshmen and the Sophomores. The Sophomores winning by a close margin. For the Freshmen, Theodore Stearns was first and Orren Jones second. For the Sophomores, Doris Notemeyer was first and Howard Ruggles was second.

Supt. McAllister visited schools Friday.

The percentage of attendance for the first term in the Junior-Senior High was a little better than 90 in spite of the large number of cases of whooping cough during the fall.

The Junior are to give a social the 14th.

Ithiel Falls

Charles Holdridge has been under the care of the doctor the past week.

Miss Mildred Sargent has gone to Arlington, Mass., where she has work.

Jesse Russell is moving to the Frank Heath farm, recently purchased by Mr. Wood of Jeffersonville.

F. F. Davis was in Montpelier Wednesday of last week to attend the re-union of the Legislature of 1915.

Mrs. Homer Holmes, who recently underwent an operation at Mary Fletcher Hospital, has returned home and is very comfortable.

STOWE

Representative J. B. McKinley was at home from Montpelier for the week-end.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hemstead has been named Gerald Alfred.

Miss Katherine McSweeney of Burlington was a visitor at the home of her uncle, C. L. McMahon, for the week-end.

Miss Clara Barrows went Saturday to the home of her sister, Mrs. A. A. Emery, where she will remain for the present, closing her house here.

Miss Madeline Boardman and brothers, Munn and John Boardman, Miss Kathryn Recor and Orlo K. Jenney of the University of Vermont were at home from Burlington over the week-end.

"She Stoops to Conquer"

The Stowe high school senior class gave the play, "She Stoops to Conquer," to a crowded house at the Akeley Memorial building Friday evening. Elaborate and beautiful costumes and appropriate setting helped to give an 18th century atmosphere to the play. The training of the cast has been done by Miss Jessie Southard and Prin. C. J. Strand. There were more than twenty characters in the play. The leading parts were taken by Edwin Peterson, Donald Douglass, Robert Cleveland, Clifton Stafford, Gordon Oakes, Beatrice Pike, Mary Bailey and Dorothy Barrows. Miss Lois Riley was accompanist for the evening. Pleasing inter-act features were the doll's dance by Romona McMahon; a musical reading, "Yessum," by Edward Godfrey, and "Three Cherry Blossoms from Japan," by the Misses Floy Collins, Hazel Gakes and Mabel Sleeper. It is remembered that "She Stoops to Conquer" was given in Stowe in 1865 by the Stowe Dramatic Club, which flourished here in the 60's and 70's. Some of those who took parts at that time were Mrs. Angie Gale Butts, now of Battle Creek, Mich., perhaps the only survivor of the number, the late A. C. Slayton, Gilman Moody, Orrin Moody, Mrs. Mary A. Straw Jenney and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Straw, who were great-grandparents of Mr. Douglass and Miss Barrows of the Friday's cast. It was a custom of the club to give a group of four and some times six plays one in the afternoon and another in the evening for two or three days. In connection with "She Stoops to Conquer," "Neighbor Jackwood" and "The Country Cousin" were given.

Miss Laura B. Newhall

Miss Laura B. Newhall, who died Feb. 1st, after a long illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. Robson, in Salem, Mass., was born in Stowe, November 29, 1848, at the home of her parents, Solomon N. and Clarissa H. Gupit Newhall, which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wilkins at Moscow, where her early life was passed. Her home has been in Salem for many years, but she has passed many summers in Stowe and Waterbury, having friends in both places. She leaves besides her sister, two brothers, Dr. Alvin T. Newhall and Milo A. Newhall of Salem, Mass., and several nephews and nieces, among them John C. Robson and the Misses Alice and Miriam R. Bigelow of Stowe. The funeral was held at the Robson residence the following Thursday afternoon and the burial was made in the Harmony Grove cemetery. Miss Newhall was much esteemed by all who knew her.

Cristy District

W. N. Shattuck has commenced work on the annual wood-pile.

Miss Esther Sweet was a week-end guest of her cousin Irene.

Wm. Reilly has gone to St. Albans for a change of employment.

Forrest Mudgett and family were recent visitors in Morrisville.

Several members of the Elmer Sweet family attended the wedding at Morse's.

The night shift at the Mines has been discontinued and several hands are out of a job.

All of the E. H. Sweet family who were at home attended the Neill-Morse wedding last week.

Mrs. E. H. Sweet has returned from Hardwick, where she was the guest of her daughters, Mrs. Leon Andrews and Miss Susie Sweet.

The Neill-Morse wedding noted elsewhere, was a very happy event. Among the guests from out of town were Chas. Neill and sister Julia of Waitsfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Spooner of Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. Gomo of Fletcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Morse of Highgate. The numerous presents displayed were of more than the usual variety. A wedding excursion to Hardwick and other eastern points was without accident, except to the baggage, which was mixed up by amateurst of large ideas and little experience.

Set Difficulties Under Foot.

It has been said that "a poor beginning sometimes makes a good ending." Whether this be so or not it is certain that when handicaps are overcome there is real achievement. "Difficulties show what men are."

United Church Notes

Our District Superintendent will hold the fourth quarterly meeting at the Methodist Church at 2 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 14. Withal officials and members please be present on time.

Appetite Not Quite Gone.

Mary had reached the stage of satiety where she steadfastly refused all offers of "a little more turkey," "a bit more dressing or mashed potato," or "another piece of bread." Nothing apparently could tempt her to eat another mouthful. Finally, however, the nuts, raisins and candies were passed. "Yes, I will have some," said Mary, and then, apparently thinking her conduct needed some explanation, she added: "I can still eat little things!"

Methodist Church

Wolcott Sunday School gave \$2.40 and North Wolcott Sunday School \$3.70 to the China Fund. Including personal subscriptions, the two churches sent \$24.00. The pastor will be pleased to accept subscriptions for this fund whether church members or not.

The Bible Study Circle will meet at the parsonage on Thursday evening at 7:30. There will be a meeting at Porter's Village Friday evening at 7:30.

We hold our monthly church meeting next week. Further announcements will be made later.

Pay for your paper NOW.

Estate of Clara M. B. Straw

STATE OF VERMONT.

District of Lamoille, ss.

The Honorable Probate Court for the District aforesaid:

To the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of Clara M. B. Straw, late of STOWE in said district, deceased.

Greeting:

WHEREAS, application hath been made to this court in writing, by the Administrator praying for license and authority to sell all of the real estate of said deceased to wit:—About one acre of land with dwelling-house and barn thereon in the village of Stowe, representing to said court that it would be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased to sell said real estate and convert the same into money.

And bringing into Court the consent and approbation in writing, of all the heirs to said estate residing in this State, and setting forth the situation of the real estate.

Whereupon, said Court appointed and assigned the 5th day of February, 1921, at the Probate Office in Hyde Park, in said district, to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested therein by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the News and Citizen, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all of which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court at the time and place assigned, then and therein said Court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand at Hyde Park, in said District, this 8th day of February, 1921.

NOYES G. WOOD, JUDGE

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WOLCOTT

Frank Twiss was in Morrisville the first of the week.

John Goff was home from St. Johnsbury over Sunday.

Hobart Bliss of Morrisville was in town the first of the week.

Amos Boardman and wife were visitors in Morrisville Friday.

F. P. Twiss was called to Orleans this week on town business.

Albert Hodgdon has concluded his engagement for L. H. Miller.

Joha Kelley and wife passed Sunday with their daughter in Walden.

Ruth Davis, who teaches in Garfield, spent Sunday at her home here.

G. H. Bickford has traded for a new Ford runabout with Stowe parties.

Daniel Moffatt and wife of Morrisville spent Sunday at G. H. Richardson's.

Mrs. Hattie Hubbell went to Morrisville the first of the week for a short stay.

Mrs. H. A. Parker was in Hardwick Monday, called there by the illness of her aunt.

L. G. Taylor of Lancaster, N. H., is expected this week for a visit with his parents.

Messrs. W. S. Silloway and F. S. Merriam are spending a few days in Montpelier and Barre.

Stillman Ring and son of Morrisville are harvesting the ice crop for Wolcott's Cooperative Creamery.

C. H. S. Cleveland was in Hardwick Tuesday, making arrangements for printing of the town report.

LIQUOR INVENTORY OF NATION CALLED

Size of Wholesalers' Stocks to Determine Length of Withdrawal Ban.

Washington.—An inventory of all stocks of whiskey in the hands of wholesale dealers is being made by the prohibition officers to determine how long the ban against withdrawals from bonded warehouses and distilleries shall remain in effect.

Instructions have been sent out to all prohibition directors to inventory or estimate all stocks held by dealers with wholesale permits. This includes wholesale whiskey dealers who have stocks, as well as wholesale druggists who were permitted to withdraw up to 250 cases of whiskey at one time.

Until these so-called floor stocks are used up no further withdrawals of distilled spirits will be permitted. The inventory, it is expected, will develop disposal of stocks that have been withdrawn. There are indications that much of the withdrawals have vanished into the illicit whiskey trade.

While warehouses of the country are closed against withdrawals, distillation of whiskey and other spirits is going ahead and these can be put in the warehouses under bond.

Issuance of the orders closing the nation's warehouses was hailed with delight by the dry forces here who are urging additional legislation for dry enforcement and appropriation of larger sums. They declare the closing orders will break the illicit whiskey traffic and make the country dry.

Representatives of distillery and warehouse interests are, it is understood, considering a legal attack on the ruling.

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EXPERTS DISCUSS AIRCRAFT FUTURE

War Chiefs Differ on Whether Planes Will Render Battleships Powerless.

TO ASK WORLD TO DISARM

Three Admirals at Hearing Recommend Building Airplane-Carrying Ships—Would Speed Program.

Could Cut Navies in Half.

Washington.—With the close of a round table discussion between the great minds of the navy, including half a dozen rear admirals, members of the General Board of the navy and members of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, the Congressional conference on disarmament were practically ended. Before the gathering was adjourned Chairman Butler announced the United States would call an international conference to discuss reduction in armaments.

Mr. Butler said later that he quoted no authority in making the announcement. He added that he has talked with President-elect Harding and "others conversant with the attitudes of Great Britain and the other nations" and that he "is confident that a conference will be called in the near future."

The navy chiefs all urged that in the event this country enters upon such an international agreement the present building program be completed before armament construction is suspended.

Admiral William S. Sims, commander in chief of American naval operations overseas during the war, who was the first witness to testify, told the committee that he believed Great Britain and France would be quick to respond to an invitation from this government to discuss disarmament.

"The people on the other side," said Admiral Sims, "feel an impelling necessity to decrease the expenses to which they heretofore have been put in the matter of armament."

"I was in intimate contact with officials of foreign governments during my stay in Europe, and conferred with Lloyd George and other prime ministers, with ministers of marine and naval chiefs and officers."

"These things were continually discussed. The common remark was that 'when we get through the war we will all be pretty stupid if we do not find some method of getting along without great expenditures for armaments.'"

"Everybody knows how much money the British have spent on their navy, and they don't want to go into building again if they